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**Federal library grants expand services to library patrons**

*Burmaster: Libraries improve quality of life in local communities*

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster commended libraries for offering services that improve the quality of life in their local communities as she announced federal Library Service and Technology Act grants totaling \$2.9 million.

“Libraries are vital to our democracy and our changing society. These federal grants allow libraries to expand services that improve educational, economic, and quality of life resources for Wisconsin residents,” Burmaster said. “Less than 10 years ago, only 28 percent of libraries offered Internet access. Today, 100 percent of Wisconsin libraries provide this gateway to the vast resources available via the Internet. This is a benefit that especially reaches low-income library patrons who are less likely to have Internet access at home or work.”

While grants that supported technology improvements represented the largest allocation of LSTA funds, libraries also planned a variety of projects, including those that improve adult, family and early literacy; target service to Spanish-speaking patrons; expand library automation; and enhance resource sharing throughout the state.

The Department of Public Instruction Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning administers Wisconsin’s yearly LSTA allocation through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency responsible for strengthening museums and libraries. The Wisconsin 2003 LSTA Advisory Committee reviewed all grant applications and made recommendations on grant awards for projects to take place from January through December 2004.

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Members serving on the LSTA committee in 2003 were:

- Alan Engelbert, director, Manitowoc Public Library and Manitowoc-Calumet Library System;
- Anne Iwata, technology research consultant, Wisconsin Department of Administration;
- Karen Krueger, director, Hedberg Public Library, Janesville;
- Mindy LaBonte, Health Sciences Library, St. Michael's Hospital, Stevens Point;
- Douglas Lay, trustee, Wisconsin Valley Library Service;
- Sandra Lockett, Milwaukee Public Library;
- Jessica MacPhail, Racine Public Library;
- Ida Nemec, Plum Lake Public Library;
- David Polodna, Winding Rivers Library System;
- Kathleen Setter, Deer Park Public Library;
- Sandi Szafranski, director of curriculum, Cooperative Educational Service Agency 2, Milton; and
- Edward Van Gemert, assistant director of public services, University of Wisconsin-Madison Memorial Library.

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**ATTACHMENT:** The list of Library Services and Technology Act grant awards for 2004 follows.

# Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning

## Library Services and Technology Act

### Wisconsin Grant Awards — 2004

<b>Arrowhead Library System (Headquarters: Janesville)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$64,125</b>
Arrowhead Library System	Feasibility Study, Library Districts in Rock County		\$5,000
Arrowhead Library System	Literacy Coalitions to Support Spanish-Speaking Families		\$21,150
Arrowhead Library System	Technical Services Support		\$12,488
Janesville, Hedberg Public Library	Bilingual Outreach Coordinator		\$25,487
<b>Eastern Shores Library System (Headquarters: Sheboygan)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$41,035</b>
Eastern Shores Library System	Improving Services to the Latino/Hispanic Population		\$16,175
Eastern Shores Library System	Ozaukee County Public Library District Planning		\$5,000
Eastern Shores Library System	Sheboygan County Public Library District Planning		\$5,000
Eastern Shores Library System	Wide Area Network Access		\$14,860
<b>Indianhead Federated Library System (Headquarters: Eau Claire)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$64,983</b>
Indianhead Library System	Foreign Language Materials in Mid-Western Wisconsin		\$14,120
Indianhead Library System	System Technology Projects		\$45,863
Menomonie Public Library	Library District Feasibility Planning for Menomonie Area		\$5,000
<b>Kenosha County Library System (Headquarters: Kenosha)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$24,610</b>
Kenosha Public Library	GeoWeb Additional Features		\$11,255
Kenosha Public Library	Raising Readers		\$13,355
<b>Lakeshores Library System (Headquarters: Waterford)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$50,295</b>
Lakeshores Library System	Libraries and Literacy: Services for Latinos		\$26,074
Lakeshores Library System	Maintaining Lakeshores Technology Projects		\$19,221
Racine Public Library	Feasibility Study, District Library in Racine County		\$5,000
<b>Manitowoc-Calumet Library System (Headquarters: Manitowoc)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$29,691</b>
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	Marketing Library Services to Hispanic Farm Families		\$18,792
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	T1 Lines for Manitowoc-Calumet Libraries		\$10,899
<b>Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System (Headquarters: Mayville)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$23,184</b>
Mid-Wisconsin Library System	Technology Projects, 2004		\$23,184
<b>Milwaukee County Federated Library System (Headquarters: Milwaukee)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$80,788</b>
Greenfield Public Library	Greenfield-Greendale District Library Feasibility Study		\$5,000
Milwaukee County Library System	Enhanced Software and Various Projects—2004		\$52,568
Milwaukee Public Library	Books2Go—Libros Para Llevar		\$23,220
<b>Nicolet Federated Library System (Headquarters: Green Bay)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$58,436</b>
Brown County Library	Reaching Out to Hispanics in Brown County		\$19,673
Nicolet Library System	Automation Telecommunications Support		\$38,763
<b>Northern Waters Library Service (Headquarters: Ashland)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$76,562</b>
Northern Waters Library Service	Delivery Service		\$15,000
Northern Waters Library Service	Merlin Expansion Continued		\$10,000
Northern Waters Library Service	Technology Expansion and Support		\$32,567
Shell Lake Public Library	Traveling Librarian		\$18,995
<b>Outagamie Waupaca Library System (Headquarters: Appleton)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$18,164</b>
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	E-mail and Calendar Upgrades		\$18,164

<b>South Central Library System (Headquarters: Madison)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$248,684</b>
Dane County Library Service	Play Literacy To Go!		\$13,152
De Forest Area Public Library	Serving Special Needs Students and Families in Poverty		\$16,680
Poynette Public Library	Poynette Project to Join LINK		\$10,000
South Central Library System	Adult Literacy and ESL Programs for Immigrants		\$32,000
South Central Library System	Delivery Services		\$120,000
South Central Library System	Technology Projects, 2004		\$56,852
<b>Southwest Wisconsin Library System (Headquarters: Fennimore)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$18,841</b>
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	System Technology Project—T1 Lines		\$18,841
<b>Waukesha County Federated Library System (Headquarters: Waukesha)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$72,172</b>
Waukesha County Library System	Las Bibliotecas Son Para Todos		\$28,875
Waukesha County Library System	Public and Staff Training		\$23,297
Waukesha County Library System	Shared Automation for Two Libraries		\$20,000
<b>Winding Rivers Library System (Headquarters: La Crosse)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$109,179</b>
Winding Rivers Library System	Babies Need Reading! Encouraging Early Literacy		\$11,005
Winding Rivers Library System	Literacy Times Three—Jail Literacy Project		\$7,748
Winding Rivers Library System	WAN Development and Maintenance 2004		\$30,426
Winding Rivers Library System	WRLSWEB Expansion, 2004		\$60,000
<b>Winnefox Library System (Headquarters: Oshkosh)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$30,363</b>
Elisha D. Smith Public Library, Menasha	Give Us Books		\$4,575
Winnefox Library System	Upgrade of Shared Automation System		\$25,788
<b>Wisconsin Valley Library Service (Headquarters: Wausau)</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$58,563</b>
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Adaptive Devices, Network Infrastructure and Reference		\$37,113
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Library Services for Latinos in North Central Wisconsin		\$21,450
<b>State-Level / Statewide Projects</b>		<b>Total Awarded:</b>	<b>\$1,904,600</b>
Department of Corrections	Coordination of State Institution Library Services		\$25,000
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	Communication and Planning		\$25,000
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	Library Development		\$411,800
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	LSTA Administration		\$98,000
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	Public Library Directors Handbook		\$3,000
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	Public Library System Study		\$7,500
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	Reference and Loan		\$597,600
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	State Delivery Committee		\$2,500
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	State Interlibrary Loan Assessment and Planning		\$10,000
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	State Interloan Contracts		\$76,000
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	State Technology Committee		\$5,000
Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning	WISCAT / Linked Systems		\$643,200